



2005
POMMARD CLONES
Russian River Valley
P I N O T N O I R

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We're doing it again! Not many California winemakers produce single-clone wines, and this one turned out to be one of the best we've ever produced.

After tasting the Pommard Clones from two of our vineyards, the Leras Family Vineyards off Woolsey Road in Russian River Valley and the Peters Vineyard just outside of Sebastopol, we knew they were special. Each had the best characteristics of the Pommard Clone; deep flavors with rich mouthfeel, and vibrant flavors unique to each site. While at first blending them was an experiment, we were so pleased with the results that we cherry-picked the best three barrels from each lot and bottled them.

Based on the success of this vintage, and the high quality of the 2005 wine, we think we're on to something. Make room in the cellar!

As with all of our Pinot Noir, we cold-soaked the grapes for three to four days and then introduced select yeasts. Once fermentation began, we hand-punched the must in open-top fermenters at least four times a day to keep the temperature and oxygen at the right levels for the yeast to remain active. Once fermentation was over, the wine was gently pressed and aged for 12 months in Francois Frères oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby red color. Cinnamon and fruit bombard the senses followed by black cherry, fresh juicy plum, and smoky sweet oak. Flavors of big cherry and spice continue into a long and balanced finish that shows a wonderful range of complexities. This wine has great structure and balance with truly amazing depth, and lush, beautiful flavors.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Harvest Dates:	9/9-10/6, 2005
Brix at Harvest:	23.6-26.4
Alcohol:	14.5%
T.A.:	0.57/100ml
pH:	3.7
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Cooperage:	12 months in François Frères French oak, 100% new
Bottled:	September 7, 2006
Production:	445 cases 750 ml

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